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Workshop, Palm Springs, California, United States SOMA

The client requested a fresh new architectural identity to correspond with his opening of the Workshop Kitchen & Bar restaurant in Palm Springs, CA. The given site, the Historic El Paseo building, immediately constrained the possibilities of the design, which SOMA exploited to their advantage.

The project seeks to retain the elegance of the existing space, by enhancing its verticality. Concrete furniture stands in immediate contrast to the white existing building. In the centre aisle, a large communal dining table acts as a public dining space, while large monolithic concrete booths provide a more intimate dining setting. Additionally, a private dining area at the rear of the space allows guests to dine at the monolithic altar piece. Lighting design by PS-Lab in Beirut elegantly compliments the brutalist interior.

The kitchen is based around seasonal products from local farms, so the menu changes often; SOMA enjoy the playfulness and creativity in that. Although 'Americana' may best describe the style of the food, influences are many. Favourite techniques in the kitchen include a wood-fired pizza oven, wood-fired grill, and custom sous-vide station.

Date of Completion: October, 2012
Gross Floor Area: 3,500 sq. ft

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